

REMARKS

In a November 27, 2007 Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3-11, and 13-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable and obvious over United States Published Patent Application 2003/0078973 ("Przekop et al.") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,462,754 ("Chakraborty"). The applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claim 1 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "inputting the user defined electronic link in the electronic transcript to establish the electronic link between the electronic transcript and the electronic exhibit; and applying the electronic link to the electronic transcript such that the electronic transcript and the at least one electronic exhibit are linked to cause the at least one electronic exhibit to automatically displayed as the electronic transcript and the synchronized media file are advanced passed the electronic link," which is not shown by the references either alone or in any reasonable combination thereof. Claim 15 recites a nearly identical limitation.

Both references are silent regarding automatically displaying the exhibit. As neither reference suggests or discloses automatically displaying the exhibit, they cannot render claims 1 or 15 obvious. To be sure, the portions of the references cited by the Examiner refer to the fact that "each line of the transcript contains a selectable link to the video/audio record so that a permitted viewer, by simply selecting a link, is securely navigated to the corresponding portion of the video/audio record . . ." Such a teaching is not the same or even similar to the cited limitation above, whereby "the exhibit is automatically displayed as the electronic transcript and the synchronized media file are advanced passed the electronic link." The cited reference at page 3, paragraph 0035, of Przekop et al. is simply incomplete and fails to teach the full nature of the claimed limitation. For at least this reason, claim 1 is not anticipated or obvious in view of Przekop et al. or Chakraborty either alone or in any reasonable combination thereof.

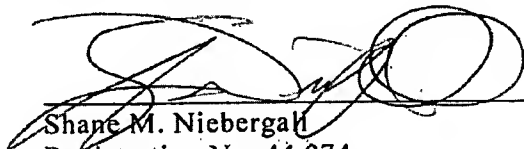
Moreover, Przekop et al. teach a system that synchronizes electronic video/audio records and corresponding electronic transcripts of the video/audio records. Accordingly, the transcripts are simply the same information as the video/audio records, but in different file formats. Claims 1 and 15 each are specifically related to operable electronic linking of "electronic transcripts" and "electronic exhibit files," which are specifically different terms relating to files containing different information. Again, the cited prior art fail to teach all of the

claimed limitations of claims 1 and 15, let alone provide the requisite teaching or motivation to combine the claimed elements in the manner claimed herein. Claims 1 and 15 are believed to be patentable. Claims 3-11 and 13-24 each ultimately depend from either claim 1 or claim 15 and are believed to be allowable for at least the reasons set forth herein with respect to claims 1 and 15.

Based on the foregoing, the applicant respectfully requests the Examiner withdraw the pending rejections and allow claims 1, 3-11, 13-24.

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